

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system and method for determining a time zone based date and time from a Global Positioning System (GPS) signal, the method including receiving a  
5 time zone reference signal at a telematics device, determining a local Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) correction from the time zone reference signal, storing the local UTC correction, and calculating local time from the local UTC correction and the GPS signal. In one embodiment, the time zone reference signal is the GPS signal. In an alternative embodiment, the time zone  
10 reference signal is a Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA) signal. In yet another alternative embodiment, the method includes scheduling mobile vehicle communication system activities based on the local time.